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P. D. MORENCI BRANCH IS ADDING TO WORKING FORCE

With song and music, an excellent menu, and short talks by Manager J. P. Hodgson, manager of Phelps Dodge Corporation, Morenci Branch and Gerald Sherman, chief consulting mining engineer, the first "get together" meeting of Phelps Dodge officials and employees was held in the Morenci Hotel on Wednesday evening of this week.

Sixty-five men sat down at the dinner table including members of the P. D. official staff, engineering, mining milling and smelting department, and invited guests.

Good fellowship, loyalty and co-operation was the spirit of the occasion, and everyone present threw restraint and formality to the winds and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

This was the first meeting of its kind to be held since the consolidation of the properties of the A. C. Ltd. with those of Phelps Dodge in this district, but Capt. Hodgson, the host of the evening, announced that in the future similar meetings would be held each month for the purpose of "talking shop" between the heads of the several departments.

At the conclusion of the dinner Capt. Hodgson spoke to the assembled guests briefly, addressing the majority of those present as "fellow workers." The manager of the Phelps Dodge Morenci Branch described the holdings of the corporation in this district as "the largest mining proposition in Arizona—both in point of acreage and tonnage of ore."

"We do not know, just yet, what is immediately before us," said Captain Hodgson. "The copper market is soft and weak—and the slumping off in the price of the metal during the past few days is not encouraging, but at any rate it was a year ago."

The speaker called attention to the fact that the Copper Puen Branch smelter, at Douglas, was only operating at two-thirds capacity, the plant of the P. D. corporation at Nacozari about the same, and the situation did not justify crowding the production ahead too fast. Morenci is operating at about twenty per cent of normal.

The Engineering department alone said Captain Hodgson has worked mapped out ahead that will take them two years to complete in bringing the different levels of the former A. C. mines to a common elevation with the P. D. underground workings. The Morenci manager informed his guests that although the output of the No. 6 mill would be immediately increased to 1400 tons daily, the big remodeling plans for the concentrating department will not be undertaken until the copper situation justifies the expenditure, and that although he had hoped that smelting operations could be resumed at the Clifton smelter in the near future, that department would also have to wait a while longer.

Captain Hodgson emphasized the importance of co-operation and the "pull-together" spirit so necessary to the attainment of the best results, not only on the part of fellow workers but among the business men of the district as well. With a much feeling, the P. D. Manager stressed the point that the keystone of the arch of co-operation and loyalty was in the proper handling and consideration for the men employed and to treat them fairly.

Mr. Gerald Sherman, consulting engineer, has just returned from a two weeks trip in the east. He stated that the copper producers who have offices in New York were not very enthusiastic over the copper shortage. He called attention to the shortage of miners in the copper districts and cited as an example that in the Butte district there was a present shortage of between three and four thousand men. Mr. Sherman predicted that copper mining would be a hard competitive business for the next few years and a survival of those who were able to plan their operations in such a manner that their costs would enable them to sell on the market at a profit.

During the dinner McHenry Mosier, C. E. Hull, and J. H. Williams added much to the entertainment with their musical selections. Those present on this occasion were: R. M. McDougall, J. P. Hodgson, G. A. Wagstaff, H. W. Hill, W. B. Yarbrough, G. L. Cashion, Dominic Maffeo, J. M. Mason, J. H. Williams, G. M. Robinson, Dr. T. B. Smith, Dr. C. Jay, John Kiddie, A. A. Anderson, McHenry Mosier, P. O. Howard, H. A. Liedich, J. H. Miller, H. F. Wackerbarth, J. R. Bowie, Jr., W. W. McMillen, J. L. Adams, W. G. Scott, W. J. Williams, John Martin, C. E. Hull, George Herr, J. D. Williams, Jack Scott, W. B. Kelly, W. A. E. Hull, L. J. Owen, Felix Bontempo, E. L. Gay, Z. W. Wilson, C. B. Nonnaskor, Alex. McLean, M. E. Roscoe, John Uren, Gerald Sherman, J. R. Wester, Lorenzo Musser, James Rolli, Nick Chesterfield, C. E. Carr, Thos. R. Soule, F. L. Coates, J. W. Scott, Ned Curnow, Arthur Crowfoot, D. C. Barnard, Spencer Bishop, W. A. Moore, A. J. Arfsten, Walter Russell, Fred Symonds, J. O. Ambler, Alex. C. Adams, C. O. Billingsley, W. Patterson, F. E. Ross, A. B. Jones, W. L. Neel, Wash McLean, T. L. Axton.

The Morenci Mines of the Phelps Dodge Corporation, Morenci Branch, are continuing to add to their working forces in the district. Some of the former employees of the company are returning to the district to work, and it is believed that when it is generally known that from 200 to 250 men will be needed within the next month to place the properties on a producing basis of about 1400 tons per day, with a corresponding increase at the concentrator, more of the old hands will be returning.

It has been definitely decided that for the present, and probably for some months to come, the concentrates produced from No. 6 concentrator at Morenci, will be shipped to the Douglas smelter. The amount of concentrates produced daily is not sufficient to run the Clifton smelter satisfactorily, and as the Douglas smelter has a very large capacity, and is at the present time short of both concentrates and sulphur to give them a good mixture for the furnaces, and the Morenci concentrates contain quite a large amount of sulphur, and the further fact that at present the copper market and general conditions in the business do not look very promising, it is felt that it would be better not to attempt to start up the Clifton smelter until a more stable market condition obtains.

While the people in the district, many of whom thought perhaps the smelter would be started, will be rather disappointed that operations there will not be resumed immediately, yet the district will, as a whole benefit materially, in the mining and milling and general surface operations of the Company, and it is hoped that within a few months the copper market and general conditions will have improved to such an extent that the Corporation may be able to see their way clear to increase operations to such an extent that more men will be employed in the several departments, and the Clifton smelter placed in operation.

William Gibbs McAdoo, former Secretary of the Treasury and Director General of Railroads, in his address to the citizens of Phoenix on Friday afternoon, October 13th, recounting the numerous violations of trust on the part of the Republican National Administration, detailing how the farmers had been defrauded, five million workers thrown out of employment. Describing the infamies of the Tariff Bill and how it would operate to prevent commerce in both exports and imports and would eventually destroy our foreign commerce, he said the hope of the country was in turning the Republican party out. He also urged the reelection of United States Senator Henry F. Ashurst and Congressman Carl Hayden.

He told how Senator Ashurst and Carl Hayden, while working diligently and looking after the interests of their constituency in Arizona, had, nevertheless, adopted a big broad humanitarian attitude in dealing with international affairs, and urged upon the people of Arizona the duty of sending these two men back to Washington.

Mr. McAdoo apologized for injecting local State politics into his address, but gave as an extenuating circumstance the fact that he had personally known Geo. W. P. Hunt for a number of years when both were occupying important positions of trust. Mr. McAdoo as Secretary of the Treasury of the United States and Mr. Hunt as Governor of the State of Arizona. Mr. McAdoo also said that he had been the owner of a considerable number of acres of land in Arizona and was familiar with the economical manner in which G. W. P. Hunt had conducted the affairs of his office as Governor. He said that Mr. Hunt was a very much abused man and that the greater part of the charges against him were untrue. In fact, that many of the charges against all public men were more or less untrue. He said that his personal friendship for Mr. Hunt and his knowledge of his ability as a statesman impelled him to urge upon the voters of Arizona that they elect Geo. W. P. Hunt as Governor, and with him the entire Democratic ticket.

BOY SCOUT DIRECTOR HERE— Carl J. Carlson, deputy regional director of the Boy Scouts in the district composed of Nevada, California, Utah and Arizona, is in the Clifton-Morenci district for the purpose of organizing the Boy Scout movement in this section of the state. For the purpose of organization Graham and Greenlee counties will be considered as one district. Mr. Carlson will be in Clifton and Morenci for several days and on Friday next will address the Clifton Commercial Club at their semi-annual luncheon.

Gov. Campbell! What Is Your Reply to This?

When Harry S. Ross, State Treasurer of Arizona, deposited \$300,000 in the Central Bank of Phoenix, on the 22nd day of April, 1920, that money was secured with State Warrants.

On June 5, 1920, the State Warrants were redeemed, and the Central Bank of Phoenix offered a bond of \$300,000, written by the Central Finance Corporation as security to take the place of the State Warrants. This bond was transmitted to your office immediately.

Why was it not either approved or disapproved immediately? You say, Governor Campbell, that the bond was disapproved on July 28, 1920 (even that is a violation of law, as you well know). But why was it not returned to the State Treasurer on July 28, 1920?

What is your answer, Governor Campbell, for retaining the bond in your possession, as evidenced by the following letter written by Raymond Earhart, State Treasurer, eight months after you should have filed the bond with State Treasurer Ross, with either your approval or disapproval:

"January 6, 1921.

Hon. Thomas E. Campbell,
Governor of Arizona,
Phoenix, Arizona.

My dear Governor:

In taking over the office of State Treasurer, I find that you have in your possession a surety bond issued by the Central Finance Corporation in favor of the Central Bank of Phoenix in the amount of \$300,000.00, securing a state deposit.

Will you kindly either approve or disapprove this bond and return same to this office so that I may be governed accordingly?

Yours very truly,
(Signed) RAYMOND EARHART,
State Treasurer.

E.F.

PHOENIX RACING DRIVER KILLED ON WAY TO DOUGLAS

BYSBET—Howard Dillman, of Phoenix, was instantly killed about 3:30 yesterday afternoon when his racing car, a Stutz special, was wrecked about two and one-half miles west of Benson. Joe Diaz, Dillman's mechanic, sustained a deep cut in his head and minor cuts and bruises. His injuries, according to Dr. J. W. Morrison, of Benson, were not serious, and Diaz planned to return to Phoenix last night.

Dillman and Diaz were on their way to Douglas where they were to draw places today for the Douglas Phoenix road race tomorrow. Their car had been entered in the race by the Texas Realty Company, of Phoenix.

Dario Martinez, owner of a cattle ranch about 15 miles from Benson, was a witness of the accident. Martinez had stopped his Dodge touring car on one side of the road to pour water into the radiator. The big Stutz approached at a high rate of speed and, when Dillman attempted to pass Martinez's car, the Stutz side-swiped the touring car, got out of the driver's control and literally plunged from the road, overturning several times. Diaz was thrown clear of the car. Dillman had no chance to get from behind the steering wheel. His body was terribly crushed.

Diaz, dazed and bleeding, was hurried to Benson and taken to Doctor Morrison's office. He said last night that he remembered the Stutz approaching and starting to pass another car, but nothing more.

The big Stutz, according to Deputy Sheriff Wein, who hurried from Benson to the scene of the accident, was almost completely demolished.

COMMUNITY XMAS BAZAAR

At a meeting held recently of members from the Woman's Club and the various Church Organizations, it was decided to have a Community Xmas Bazaar this year, the one last year having proven such a success, both financially and socially.

Committees were appointed to look after the various departments of cooked food, fancy work, dolls, toys etc., which will be announced later. The Auditorium has been secured for the afternoon and evening of Nov. 25th from three o'clock until the close. There will be on sale fancy work of every description, cooked food, jellies, preserves, pickles, bread, rolls, nicely dressed dolls, toys of every kind, rag rugs, and perhaps Santa Claus will be there also. The early date was chosen for the benefit of those who like to do their Xmas shopping early, so throw away your mail order catalogs and keep your money at home where it will do the most good—for almost every want can be filled at the Community Xmas Bazaar Nov. 25.

P. D. OFFICIALS HERE— P. G. Beckett, general manager of the Phelps Dodge Corporation, accompanied by Chief Counsel Fleming, of the New York office, were in the district on Monday conferring with Manager J. P. Hodgson, of the Morenci Branch.

VISITING AT FAIR— Mrs. L. A. W. Burch and party left Wednesday morning by auto for Phoenix to attend the State Fair. They will be joined by Dr. Burch on Friday and return home Monday evening.

BACK FROM TEXAS— R. S. Black, of the contracting firm of Cotey & Black, has returned from Houston, Texas, where he has been on a six week's trip, visiting friends and relatives in that section of the Lone Star State.

G.O.P. PROPOGANDA BUREAU SPRINGS I. W. STORY TOO SOON

Advised by eminent counsel of one of the leading mining companies of Arizona, the republican publicity bureau released for publication on October 30 a story alleging that an I. W. W. leader had been arrested in Phoenix, and that he had in his possession literature alleged to have been written by I. W. W. members urging the election of Geo. W. P. Hunt.

It was rumored on the streets of Phoenix that the Arizona Republican, the Phoenix organ of the Republican party, would have an I. W. W. story in its issue of Tuesday, October 31st, containing the details of this alleged arrest. However, the Republican, to its credit, appeared without the story, but the Tucson Citizen, printed at Tucson, carried a 7 column headline screaming the arrest of an alleged I. W. W. leader by the name of MacDougle.

Investigation at the sheriff's office of Maricopa County the police department of the City of Phoenix, and in the United States Attorney's office in Phoenix fails to reveal that any man by the name of MacDougle was arrested or is now in jail, as is stated in the Citizen's article.

Something went wrong. Either the Los Angeles detective agency failed to make good, or the individual who was supposed to be arrested refused to take a chance. It is known that a taxicab driver in the City of Phoenix was approached on Sunday, October 29, and offered a liberal bribe if he would announce that he was an I. W. W. organizer and start I. W. W. agitation. He refused so that this possibility is the explanation for the premature "explosion" of republican propaganda concocted, arranged, bought and paid for by the republican party of the State of Arizona.

But the story is not yet told. Two men arrived in Phoenix on October 29. They have been here two days. They visited Democratic State Headquarters early on the morning of October 31, with a deputy sheriff standing handy by and the arrest was made, charging one Antonio Papa with the crime of sabotage. Ralph Rollins, publicity agent for the Republican party of the State of Arizona was in close consultation with the republican sheriff and deputies of Maricopa County in connection with the arrest of Papa.

That the arrest of Papa is a frame-up is clearly indicated for when interviewed all that he could say is that "I am an I. W. W." Asked what he said he did not know. Asked whether it was Branch 800, 400, or just what it was, he did not know. He is grossly ignorant of any knowledge of the I. W. W. and is clearly a dupe hired by the Republican party of the State of Arizona to furnish newspaper headlines in this campaign.

Governor Thomas E. Campbell has profited by such sensationalism in previous campaigns; but the morality of such actions on the part of the Governor of the State of Arizona, done with his knowledge and consent, is beneath the contempt of the vilest I. W. W. in the United States.

BACK FROM BISBEE— Senator H. A. Elliott who was called to Bisbee on legal business returned home on Monday evening. The Greenlee county Senator spoke for the Democratic ticket at Franklin on Tuesday evening and again at the Day School house on Wednesday evening and will continue speaking in each precinct until the night previous to the election. The Greenlee county Senator is dealing with cold facts and figures in the matters of state expenses.

Greenlee County Democrats to Go Over Top By Big Majorities

Grist Gathered at the Court House

On last Monday the Clerk of the Superior Court, in the presence of the Sheriff and County Recorder drew the trial jury which will convene on Monday the 13th day of November for the fall session of the Superior Court, the same consisting of sixty persons as follows: J. H. Jones, Jr., Carl Phillips, John Kiddie, Sam E. Tilley, J. H. Carter, C. G. Van Zant, W. D. Tucker, C. E. Hull, P. J. Murphy, Charles Dichtenmiller, Wilmer McKelvey, Robert W. Stewart, C. B. Ragan, George Hill, Ben Moffett, R. S. Johnson, Frank McKenzie, C. C. Martin, George I. Elmer, Harris Martin, H. K. Gathin, J. J. Brown, Mangus Elrage, Julius Bunch, W. C. Packer, R. R. Miller, Clark Wilkerson, William A. Smith, Chas. T. Tonkin, Ross Smith, E. Day, C. W. Beck, A. E. Crabtree, John Martin, West White, Joseph Elledge, Harry C. White, C. M. Staples, E. C. Bunker, J. G. Keppler, August Brutinel, J. G. Smith, W. Gingles, Pat Sutherland, Wm. R. Brown, W. F. Moyer, J. H. Phillips, W. T. Hobbs, Sam Abraham, Johnnie Cosper, L. A. Adams, R. E. Webster, Ed Reitzer, George Crispin, B. F. Garner, J. P. Hodgson, Sylvester Phillips, Ira Spoon, W. G. Scott and J. H. Norris.

Judge of the Superior Court of Pima County, Kirk T. Moore, will preside over the Superior Court in the trial of several cases in which Judge Laine is disqualified, the same being the cases of, Dell M. Potter, vs. L. Kearney, J. A. Hagan and Bonifacio Reyes, an action for damages, and J. A. Hagan and J. C. Bartlett, vs. Dell M. Potter et al., an action to quiet the title to certain mining claims located near Morenci.

The case of Herman M. Belasco, vs. Mary Belasco, an action for divorce was tried before the Superior Court this week and a decree granted the plaintiff as prayed for in his complaint.

FORMER AGENTS OF PROHIBITION OFFICE MUST FACE COURT

PHOENIX—Harry D. Midkiff and L. A. Parham, both former U. S. prohibition enforcement agents, were arrested here last night on warrants sworn out by Assistant U. S. Attorney Francis D. Crabbe, charging in effect, the fraudulent padding of expense accounts while the men were in the government service. Both Midkiff and Parham were hailed before U. S. Commissioner John B. Henke and released on their own recognizance until this morning when they are required to appear and give bond.

Midkiff is a political worker in Phoenix and Parham is at present a detective in the employ of the Phoenix police department. Both men, it is charged in the warrants, were employed in 1920 as federal prohibition enforcement agents. It was in 1920, the complaint alleges, that Midkiff and Parham turned in expense accounts involving the hire of an automobile at Kingman, in Mohave county, that it is alleged have since been discovered to be fraudulent. Midkiff turned in an expense account of \$157.75 while Parham's claim was \$67.75.

It is set forth in the complaint filed before U. S. Commissioner Henke that Midkiff turned in his claim of \$157.75 for the hire of an auto belonging to W. P. Mahoney, sheriff of Mohave county. The expense was incurred, according to Midkiff's claim, in the discharge of his duties as prohibition enforcement agent and the claim was accompanied by receipts supposed to have been signed by Sheriff Mahoney. These receipts, it is alleged in the complaint, were forged and Midkiff never hired Mahoney's automobile for use in the discharge of his duties.

Parham is brought into the case as an associate of Midkiff's and an alleged accomplice in the fraud charged against both men. Midkiff's expense account set forth that Parham paid half of the total amount and that the amount submitted as Midkiff's expense account was only half of the total charges. Parham's claim it is charged was submitted along the same lines except that it was made out for a smaller total amount.

In a statement given to The Republican last night, Mr. Parham explained that while in the employ of the federal government he worked without his identity being known and by him were to share the expenses of himself and others, and that he did not know personally, the facts pertaining to all of the items of charge,

"The entire Democratic ticket in Greenlee county will be elected on Tuesday," said A. R. Lynch, chairman of the Democratic Central Committee of Greenlee county, when interviewed at Democratic headquarters this morning.

"The majorities in this county for all democratic candidates having opponents will be in excess of two hundred, and most of them will be in excess of five hundred," added the county chairman.

Continuing, Chairman Lynch said that the reports he is receiving from other counties in the state show beyond a doubt that the Democratic State Ticket will be elected from top to bottom as a rebuke to Republican extravagance and Republican inefficiency, coupled with gross negligence and oversight in the management of state affairs.

"With the possible exception of Pima," said the county chairman, "the Democratic state ticket will receive a majority in each county Cochise and Gila, with their large voting population, are expected to roll up the biggest democratic majority."

Maricopa county is conceded to be battling ground for both parties but close observers are predicting that for the first time in several years Maricopa will return a democratic majority this year.

Precinct meetings have continued this week with the county candidates making short talks to the voters. Senator H. A. Elliott has been speaking in behalf of the state ticket in each precinct, commencing at Franklin on Tuesday night, and his account given the voters of the attitude of the State Republican administration towards measures at the special session of the Legislature, having for their purpose a revision of the Financial Code of the state, is listened to with marked attention by his hearers.

A pleasing feature of the campaign this week was the coming of Hon. Chas. B. Ward and Sidney P. Osborn who addressed the voters of Clifton and Morenci on Monday night. In this campaign Mr. Ward is found where he has always been found in a campaign—out on the firing line helping his party to victory. Mr. Osborn was a warm supporter of Mr. Ward in the democratic primaries but both of them are now touring the state in behalf of the successful democratic candidate in the primaries.

In the course of his address in Clifton—the equal of any heard in this campaign—Mr. Ward urged the Democratic voters of Greenlee to hold their 100% Democratic banner aloft in this campaign and march in a solid phalanx to the polls next Tuesday.

"Defeat in the primaries, meant nothing to me," said the speaker. The success of the principles of the Democratic party—equal rights to the great mass of the American people, means everything."

Mr. Ward said his reward in the primary was the loyalty and unselfishness of thousands of personal friends in Arizona.

He charged the Republican leaders with having forgotten the teachings of the Republican fathers; with a violation of the promises made to the American people two years ago and dwelt at length on the profiteer tariff; their failure to enact the Smith-McNary Reclamation bill; their refusal of compensation to our soldiers and the seating of Newberry, to bring about whose election he charged \$195,000.00 had been expended in the state of Michigan whereas the state law prohibited the expenditure of more than \$3500.00.

Both Mr. Osborn and Mr. Ward made a strong plea to Democrats to wipe out any soreness that may have existed as an aftermath of the primaries and to place party principles above personal wishes.

CAMPAIGN DATES— Both the Democratic and Republican county chairmen have arranged speaking dates for the remainder of the campaign. The Democrats will hold their last rally prior to the election at Duncan on Monday night and the Republicans will close at Metcalf the same evening. The remaining speaking dates are as follows:

Democrats—Morenci, Friday night; Clifton, Saturday night; Duncan Monday night.

Republicans—Clifton, Friday night; Duncan, Saturday night; Metcalf Monday night. Both the Democrats and Republicans are giving free dances following each meeting.

J. F. Patterson, of the E. P. & S. W. claims department, arrived in Clifton Thursday evening on business for his company.

but took the vouchers presented by others as the basis of his claim, and that he used the funds received to reimburse those others for the items they claimed to have expended, and that he did not receive any of the extra charge himself, or know that the expense account was not legitimate and accurate, and that such claim by himself was under the authority and sanction of W. T. Webb, federal prohibition director for Arizona at the time.